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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MPOL YO  
SUBJ: YUGOSLAV MILITARY VISITS

1. DURING CONVERSATION FEB 25 POLCOUNS PRESSED STARCEVIC FOR GOY RESPONSE RE GENERAL POTOVAR VISIT INVITATION. STARCEVIC SAID POTOVAR'S SCHEDULE FOR YEAR FILLED AND UNLIKELY HE CAN TRAVEL TO STATES BUT THAT (AIR FORCE COMMANDER) CEMALOVIC "WILL BE GOING".

2. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND POTOVAR SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS BUSY, THIS IS FIRST WE'VE HEARD OF HIS INABILITY TO ACCEPT INVITATION FOR THIS YEAR. ALSO FIRST EMBASSY HAS HEARD THAT CEMALOVIC HAS BEEN INVITED VICE POTOVAR.

3. PART OF OUR DIFFICULTY IN DEALING WITH YUGOSLAV MILITARY HERE IS THEIR SECRETIVENESS. WOULD HOPE THAT DOD IS NOT IMPLICITLY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS ATTITUDE BY DEALING WITH YUGOSLAV EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND NOT KEEPING EMBASSY

BELGRADE INFORMED AT SAME TIME. IF POTOVAR UNABLE TO ACCEPT, CEMALOVIC MORE THAN ADEQUATE SUBSTITUTE.  
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HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE IF FIRST WE WERE ASKED TO COMMENT ON ADVISABILITY SUCH AN INVITATION, THEN INFORMED THAT USG PREPARED TO EXTEND INVITATION, AND FINALLY THAT WE BE PURVEYOR OF INVITATION TO GOY.  
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